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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS RECOGNIZES PALESTINIAN
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1(U). THE GOC ANNOUNCED ITS RECOGNITION OF THE
 PALESTINIAN "STATE" ON NOVEMBER 18 (REF). THE DECISION
 WAS ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING A MORNING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
 OF MINISTERS. NO OBJECTIONS HAD BEEN RAISED THE PREVIOUS
 DAY WHEN THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT HOUSE
 OF REPRESENTATIVES ASKED IF HE WERE "SPEAKING FOR ALL
 MEMBERS" WHEN HE CALLED UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE
 THE NEW PALESTINIAN "STATE".

2(C). IN A MEETING WITH CHARGE, ~~CODEL LANTOS AND STAFF~~
 VAN DUSEN ON NOVEMBER 19, MINISTER OF INTERIOR (ACTING
 FOREIGN MINISTER) VENIAMIN CONFIRMED THAT THE COUNCIL
 OF MINISTERS HAD TAKEN ACTION RECOGNIZING THE PALESTINIAN
 "STATE". IN JUSTIFYING THE DECISION, VENIAMIN TRIED TO
 PLACE IT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GOC'S LONG-STANDING POLICY
 IN SUPPORT OF A SEPARATE PALESTINIAN STATE. VENIAMIN
 ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOC HAD NO OTHER CHOICE
 SINCE BOTH TURKEY AND THE SO-CALLED "TRNC" HAD RUSHED
 TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW "STATE". HE ALSO IMPLIED THAT OTHER
 PRESSURES WERE BUILDING ON THE GOC TO ACT, REFERRING
 SPECIFICALLY TO WHAT HE SAID WAS A "UNANIMOUS VOTE" IN

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FAVOR OF RECOGNITION BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE
PREVIOUS DAY.

3(C). IN A CLASSIC GOC GAMBIT TO TRY TO PLAY BOTH
SIDES OF THIS ISSUE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOC PRESIDENT
VASSILIOU HAS ACCEPTED THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR'S
INVITATION TO ATTEND A DINNER IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN
LANTOS THIS EVENING.

4. BEIRUT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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